

2019 Early Bird Packet

Dear Girl Scout Troop Leader,

Thank you for your dedication to your girls, service unit, council, and the Girl Scout Movement. We could not build girls of courage, confidence, and character without the countless hours you have contributed as a volunteer.

Congratulations on completing another year of fun, growth, and sisterhood with your troop! This packet includes everything you need to prepare your troop for another great Girl Scout Year and keep the fun rolling. Please see below for a list of action items to be completed by June 30th, 2019.

1. Re-registration
 - a. Renew at least 70% of the girls in your troop.
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Submit a completed financial report to council.
3. Submit an Early Bird Patch Order Form.

Why Early Bird your troop?

- Your troop will be eligible to attend the Early Bird Campout at Chukchansi Park
- Every girl re-registered by June 30 gets a free Early Bird patch
- Higher Cookie Proceeds
- Honor Troop Eligibility

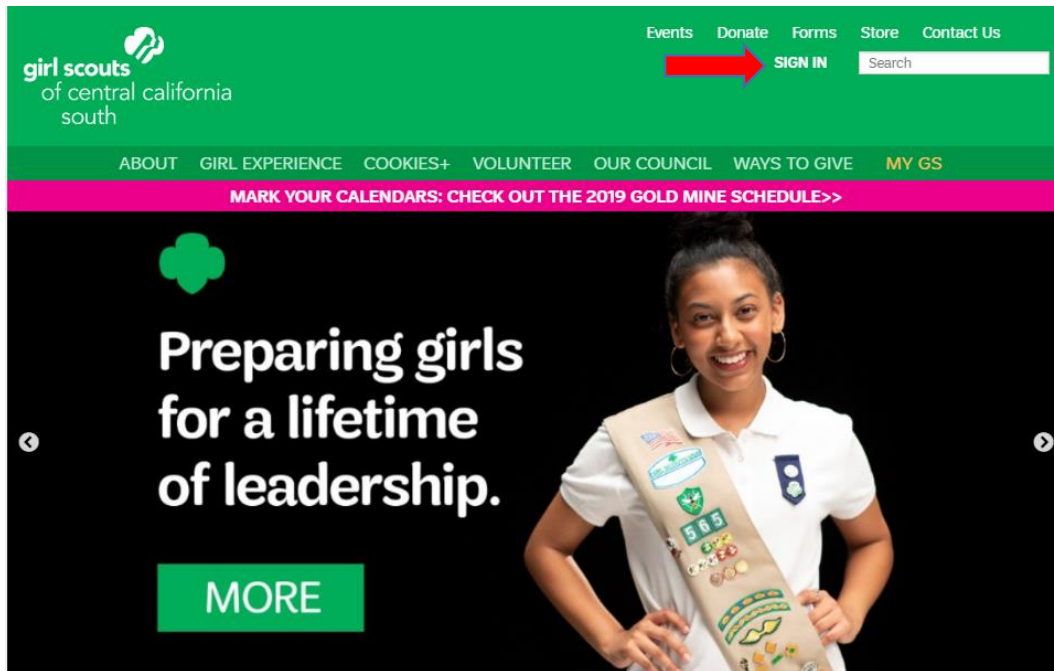


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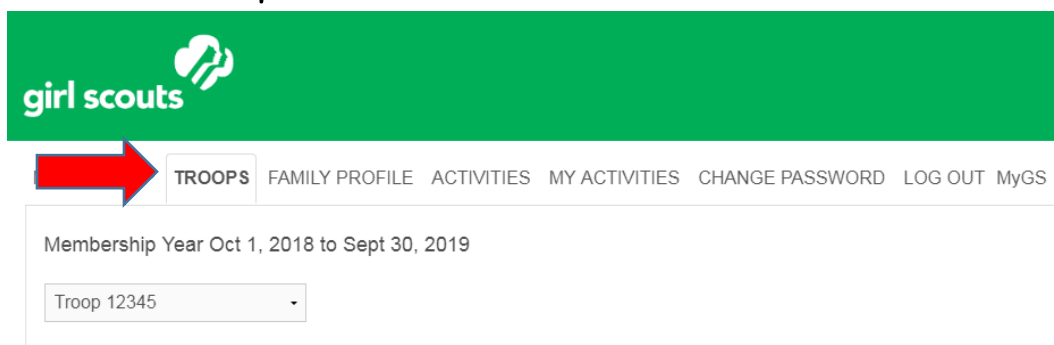
How do I renew my troop?

Renewing your troop is fast and easy! Follow these instructions to renew your troop. If you have any questions, call Customer Care at 1-800-490-8653.

1. Login to your MyGS account from the council website at www.girlscoutscs.org.



2. Choose "Member Profile".
3. Go to the "Troops" tab.



4. Set all renewing girls to “Renew Now”. Set all girls who are unsure about renewing to “I’ll Decide Later”. Set all girls **NOT** continuing with the troop to “Don’t Renew”. Click Continue. **NOTE: Setting girls to “Don’t Renew” will remove the ability for that girl to renew into the troop. If you have girls who are unsure about renewing, set them to “I’ll Decide Later”. This will give you the ability to renew those girls at a later date.**

Girls				
Name	Participation	Status	Renewal Choice	
████████████████████	Troop 12345	Time to Renew for 2019	Renew Now	Edit
██████████	Troop 12345	Time to Renew for 2019	Renew Later	Edit
████████████████████	Troop 12345	Current		Edit
████████████████████	Troop 12345	Time to Renew for 2019	Don't Renew - Cancel	Edit
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5. Accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Please read and accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law in order to confirm membership.

1. The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

When making the GS Promise, individual members may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word "God".

2. The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

 *I/we accept and abide by the [Girl Scout Promise and Law](#) and the updated [Terms and Conditions](#).

CANCEL

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6. Complete Payment and Save Receipt

Billing Address

Address: *

City: *

State: *

Zip Code: *

Country: *

Card Holder Name: *

Card Number: *

Expiration Month: *

Expiration Year: *

Security Code: *

CANCEL

CONTINUE

*****NOTE: MyGS will only allow 20 membership renewals at a time. If you have a large troop, please renew your girls in increments of 20. *****



2019 Early Bird Patch Order Form

The Early Bird patch is FREE for those troops whose members have reregistered by June 30, 2019. What a great way for girls to display their excitement in early registration for Girl Scouts! Troops must complete this order form in order to receive Early Bird Patches. Patches will be delivered to troop leaders at service unit meetings or may be picked up from the council office.

Order early, quantities are limited and will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

*Please note that registrations AND order forms must be received by June 30, 2019. Patches are limited to the first 1,000 registrants.

ORDER FORM

Name _____ Troop _____ SU# _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Patches _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Troop/SU Financial Reports

Annual Troop/SU Financial reports are due to council by June 30, 2019. For a financial report to be considered complete, the troop/SU must submit:

1. All 12 bank statements from the reporting period
2. All receipts from the reporting period
3. Detailed cash log and summary spreadsheet (located on the Forms tab of our website)

Please submit all documents to financials@girlscoutscs.org. We are NOT taking submissions through the Volunteer Toolkit Finance Tab.

Troops that do not submit a completed report to council by June 30, 2019 are out of compliance with council policies and procedures and will not be considered in good standing. Failure to submit a completed Troop/SU financial report by June 30, 2019 will affect the troop's eligibility to participate in the Fall Product and Cookie Programs, troop trips, fundraising activities, and Early Bird Campout.

****New this year** Troops that do not submit a completed financial report by June 30, 2019 will receive lower proceeds for the Fall Product and Cookie Programs. Please see page 7 for more details.**

Honor Troop

Honor Troop is back!

If your troop would like to achieve Honor Troop status for the 2019/2020 membership year, the troop must renew 70% of the girls AND submit a completed financial report by June 30, 2019. *Additional details regarding Honor Troop requirements will be sent to troops no later than August 1, 2019.*

What is Honor Troop?

Honor Troop is a distinction given to troops that are active within Girl Scouting and are in good standing at the Council level. This includes renewal and financials reports, as well as, participating in Girl Scout activities and traditions within the period of that membership year.

Cookie Proceeds

New this year: Fall Product Program and Cookie Program base Troop Proceeds will be based on Early Bird troop registration, and successful submission of completed troop financial reports.

Cookie Program Troop Proceeds

Troop PGA	Troops who early bird register at least 70% of their troop and turn in completed troop financials by June 30, 2019	Troop that do not register at least 70% of their troop registered and/or do not turn in completed troop financials by June 30, 2019
1-149 PGA	\$0.75	\$0.70
150-249 PGA	\$0.80	\$0.75
250-349 PGA	\$0.90	\$0.85
350+ PGA	\$1.00	\$0.95

Fall Product Program Troop Proceeds

Troop proceeds	Troops who early bird register at least 70% of their troop and turn in completed troop financials by June 30, 2019	Troop that do not register at least 70% of their troop registered and/or do not turn in completed troop financials by June 30, 2019
Base troop proceeds per nut/candy item will begin at	\$0.70	\$0.65

Questions regarding proceeds?

Contact the Customer Care at
customer care@girlscoutscs.org, or 800-490-8653